



News Advisory

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REPATRIATION OF OVERSEAS PERSONNEL

What: Approximately 1,200 Air Force family members from Incirlik AB, Turkey will be evacuated from their home station, with the first group arriving at the Charleston (SC) International Airport March 21. From there, they will make arrangements for travel to their final destinations.

When: Aircraft arrival times are yet to be determined, and are expected to fluctuate. Public Affairs will send an advisory with a time schedule to media outlets as far in advance as possible in preparation for the first aircraft arrival. **Media are requested not to broadcast information related to timing of arrival prior to aircraft landing.**

Why: In preparation for potential future military operations, the repatriation of dependents into the United States is essential to ensure their safety. Evacuees will be arriving in Charleston via commercial aircraft. Legal, financial, chaplain, medical, veterinary and personnel specialists from Charleston AFB will meet the evacuees at the airport to facilitate their return and onward movement.

Visuals: Possible aircraft landing, coverage of in-processing stations prior to evacuee arrivals and interviews with AF staff and family members.

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